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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MAJOR GENERAL HANNA SAID, NEWLY-
APPOINTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF LEBANESE ARMY

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS BIO DATA ON MAJ GEN HANNA SAID,
PROMOTED SEPT 10 FROM BRIGADIER AND APPOINTED SAME DAY AS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF LEBANESE ARMY.

22 DEC 1923 BORN AT AL-QULAY' AT (KLEYAT) IN MARJEYOUN
DISTRICT, SOUTH LEBANON

1945 GRADUATED FROM HOMS MILITARY ACADEMY
AS CAVALRY OFFICER

1945-55 CAVALRY/ARMOR OFFICER IN BEKAA VALLEY

1955-58 ATTENDED GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL IN FRANCE

1959 STUDENT OF ARMOR AND AIR DEFENSE AT
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, USA

1959-64 COMMANDING OFFICER, AAA BATTALION,
BEIRUT

1965-66 STUDENT AT US ARMY COMMAND AND GEN-
ERAL STAFF COLLEGE, USA

1966-69 DIRECTOR OF MILITARY PREPARAATION, LEBANON

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1969-72 ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE, LEBANESE EM-
BASSY , PARIS

1972-73 MILITARY ATTACHE, LEBANESE EMBASSY,
PARIS
1973-75 COMMANDER OF THE BEKAA VALLEY MILI-
TARY REGION, 1ST BRIGADE

2. GENERAL SAID IS A MARONITE CHRISTIAN. A SHORT AND SOME-
WHAT ROTUND MAN, HE IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE DAUGHTER BORN
1959. HIS WIFE, MARGO, IS FROM ZAHLE, LEBANON. HE AND
HIS WIFE ARE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH AS WELL AS NATIVE
ARABIC. BOTH HAVE GRACIOUS PERSONALITIES AND APPEAR VERY
PRO-WESTERN. GEN SAID, ALTHOUGH ONCE KNOWN AS A
CHEHABIST, IS NOT CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED WITH ANY POLITICAL FACTION.
CONSIDERED A FIRM BUT JUST LEADER, HE IS LIKED BY HIS STAFF
AND IS WIDELY RESPECTED IN THE ARMY. OFF-DUTY HE LIKES TO
GAMBLE, PREFERABLY AT HORSE RACING AND POKER.
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